



Franklin Parks & Recreation

## **Park Board**

Cultural Arts & Recreation Center Conference Room

**Thursday, September 15, 2016**

**4:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

Park Board present: Michael Auger, Pam Ault, Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer

Staff present: Chip Orner, Director, Rocky Stultz – Assistant Director, Tena Stahlhut – Business Services Director

Guests present: Indiana Masonic Home CEO Mike Spencer, Alex Getchell-City Sr. Planner, Bill Brown

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Vice President Dr. John Shafer at 4:00 pm.

2. **Announcements & Presentations**

Request to place sign on Greenlawn Cemetery property: Compass Park/Indiana Masonic Home

City Sr. Planner, Alex Getchell stated he had received a request to place a new Compass Park, Indiana Masonic Home sign at the corner of US 31 and South Street. It would be a legal, non conforming sign, set back at least ten feet from the right of way on Greenlawn Cemetery property. The sign would be an electronic message sign. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Michael Auger and seconded by Pam Ault to accept the new Compass Park sign contingent on the removal of the electronic function of the sign. There were two for and two against the motion. Therefore the motion was denied.

3. **Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of meeting minutes from August 18, 2016

Motion made by Pam Ault and seconded by Debbie Gill to approve the August 18, 2016 minutes. The Board unanimously approved.

b. Approval of August Claims

Motion made by Pam Ault and seconded by Debbie Gill to approve the claims. The Board unanimously approved.

c. Approval of Human Resources Report

Motion made by Pam Ault and seconded by Debbie Gill to approve the Human Resources report. The Board unanimously approved.

4. **Old Business**

a. Family Aquatic Center update

Chip reported the Aquatic Center took in \$288,257.00 in revenue, the highest ever and gate attendance exceeded 60,000. We are preparing to drain both pools. The pool bottom will then be power washed and painted including six lane markings. The lounge chairs will be redone with new webbing.

b. 2017 Budget Update

Nothing to report, the City Council has not met since last meeting.

c. Park Projects update

1. The ADA playground ramp is under construction at the Sunset Shelter area.
2. Blue Heron Shelter construction is complete except for landscaping.
3. Electricity is being installed at the Blue Heron Shelter House and restroom.
4. There will be an 8 foot sidewalk leading to the Blue Heron Shelter House.
5. Quotes will be obtained to add the stone to the shelter pillars.
6. Quotes have been received for the work needed at the Active Adult Center in the amount of \$21,000.00.
7. Johnson County Community Foundation awarded a grant to install ADA electric doors at the Active Adult Center.
8. We are seeking quotes to add on to the Parks Maintenance building to house new vehicles, mowers and equipment.
9. We are seeking quotes to redo the basketball courts at Schmidt Park.
10. All requested fleet vehicles have been received.
11. We are seeking quotes for improvements for the Cemetery Maintenance buildings.
12. There are still tree trimming needs at the Cemetery to trim out old dead branches and some additional Ash trees.

5. **New Business**

a. Franklin Fall Festival – Oct. 1, 2016

Posters were made available to all for the Franklin Fall Festival for Oct. 1, 2016.

Fireworks will be set off from the Franklin Dog Park.

6. **Reports**

a. Department Reports

1. Staff reports were presented to the Board.
2. Chip informed the Board that at the BOW meeting the old stage will be declared surplus and will be available to go out for bid. He will also request street closings for the Fall Festival.
3. Chip has asked the following to be included on the next Council Agenda:
  - a. Transfer \$20,000 from the 300 to 200 budget series.
  - b. Transfer additional \$18,000 from the Board of Works to Cemetery for part time staff.
  - c. Additional appropriation of \$14,372 to Park Impact budget.
  - d. Additional appropriation of \$39,000 for Parks part time staff.
4. Chip informed the Board that Kendall Paris, will be the Aquatics Director for both Franklin Parks and Franklin Community School Corporation. She will do all scheduling for the pool usage and lifeguards. In addition she will teach life guarding classes at the schools. The School system will be paying her 1/7 of a teachers salary.

b. Financial Reports

Chip presented the current financial numbers to the Board.

7. **Public Comments**

Mr. Bill Brown from Nineveh approached the Board with information regarding interest in Franklin for Pickleball. It is an activity that has gained popularity over the past few years in many states for active adults. Currently there are up to 20 people playing on Monday evenings and Friday mornings at Community Park Tennis Courts. Mr. Brown asked the Board to consider creating Pickleball opportunities in the Franklin area in the future for both outdoor and indoor play.

8. **Park Board Comments**

None

9. **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved.

Next Regular Board meeting: Thursday October 13, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

Future meetings: November 10, 2016 and December 15, 2016